VIRGINIA TO RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARD

Richmond, Va., Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, State Superintendent of Public Instructilon and member of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, today announced that Virginia will receive the Award of Excellance of the National Association of Casualty and Surety Companies for the promotion of high school driver education.

The award will be presented to Dr. Paschall, who will represent Governor Thomas B. Stanley, at a luncheon which will be sponsored by the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents in Richmond.

Bonn to weigh Bulganin offer to ease tension.

Food costs are highest in nine states in Northeast.

COW DAMAGES TRAIN

Flemington, N. J.- The Lehigh Valley railroad is suing Paul Becker, a farmer, for $1,200 because, it alleges, one of his cows damaged a commuting train. Five Becker cows, the railroad says, wandered into the Jugtown Mountain tunnel on June 6, 1956, and only four came out. The train's "cowcatcher" caught the fifth, according to the suit in the the Hunterdon County Court, and was damaged $600 worth. The other $600 is asked for trespassing.

BAKED THANKS

Dayton, Ohio.- When the city administration provided the Dayton workhouse with a new gas oven recently, the workhouse cook showed his appreciation in a practical way. He cooked a five-layer cake for city officials.

To one and all of our loyal friends we wish that this Christmas may bring you many spiritual blessings... blessings that will lift your heart and enrich your life for years and years to come.

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Our warmest wishes to you and yours for a house full of love and happiness all through the holiday season.

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Painters at Work Year Round Keeping Big Bridges Shiny

WASHINGTON — Drivers crossing the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and the George Washington Bridge in New York are accustomed to seeing painters wielding their brushes daily at some point on these two magnificent models of architectural magic. Rain or shine, fog or high wind, painting crews work on the bridges eight hours a day, five days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. When the weather is not good for work outside, they turn their skill to the hundreds of small cells in the towers, or to the inside struts, I-beams and hold-downs—all of which must have regular coatings of weather resistant paint to keep the steel in perfect condition.

The George Washington Bridge —six years older than the somewhat longer San Francisco span—marked its twenty-fifth anniversary last fall. There was little birthday celebrating, however, since the bridge, in typical workaday mood, carried some 100,000 automobiles—not counting buses and trucks—across the mighty Hudson which it so gracefully spans.

Bridge authorities, in their determination to use the very best paints available, conduct constant research to determine what type coating is most suitable for each purpose. In the case of the Golden Gate Bridge, over 1,500 samples of paint have been tested since the span first went into construction in 1933. These tests determine which coatings will best stand up to heavy fog, rain and hotwaxon over the years. The tests are carried on systematically on a weight block on the San Francisco side of the bridge, where rain, wind, fog, salt water and heat of the sun show up the damage they can do to paint.

Eight Died From Rabies During 1956

CHICAGO — Eight Americans died from rabies in 1956, according to a consultant for the Journal of the American Medical Association.

In addition, one other death was attributed to rabies, but was not confirmed by autopsy.

Four of the confirmed deaths were reported to the National Office of Vital Statistics as occurring in Dallas, Texas, in January, June, July and October. The victims were a man aged 63, two boys aged 3 and 12, and a girl aged 12.

The other deaths occured in Austin, Texas, in a man 39; Mobile County, Ala., in a woman 26; Lake County, Indiana, in a woman 70, and Santa Fe, N. M., in a girl 7.

Rabies, a virus disease, is acquired through the bite of a rabid animal, usually a dog or a cat. Cows, foxes, skunks, bats and other animals also are known to carry the disease. Vaccination of household pets is the best means of stopping the spread of the disease.

Tomato Tests Explore Blood Pressure Problems

LOS ANGELES—"Hot" tomatoes are being used to explore problems related to high blood pressure.

Dr. Irving Zabin, physiological chemist at UCLA medical school is using radioactive tomatoes (the garden variety) to study certain chemical structures similar to those found in cholesterol, the fatty substance in the body thought to be related to high blood pressure.

The center of interest is the substance that makes tomatoes red, a carteroid pigment. This substance contains a multiple of five carbon structure, which is also found in cholesterol.

Dr. Zabin is tracing the formation of tomato red pigment. Compounds containing radioactive carbon are injected into tiny holes drilled into the green tomatoes, and the holes are sealed with paraffin. When the tomato ripens, the red pigment is extracted and analyzed to see how the radioactive carbon atoms are incorporated in the chemical structure.

Band Plays on Nightly—To an Empty House

WASHINGTON—A dance orchestra played at the Casino Royal for a whole week, but no one danced.

A business agent for a federation of musicians explained it this way:

The club management wanted to close the night spot for repairs a week before the orchestra's contract was to expire. The union insisted the club make good its end of the contract. So the orchestra was ordered by the club manager to report nightly throughout the week, dressed in white dinner jackets, and play to the empty house.

Club Manager Leon Zeiger was not available for comment.

Doctor Sets Rules For Growing Old In Graceful Style

CHICAGO — Preparation for aging should begin in the "prime of life," a 72-year old North Carolina physician says.

Every doctor should try to train his middle-aged and even younger patients to cultivate habits of eating, sleeping, exercise, recreation, work and mental hygiene, Dr. Wingate M. Johnson, Winston-Salem, said in the Journal of the American Association.

Dr. Johnson, professor at Bowman-Gray School of Medicine, lists seven rules of conduct he divised for himself some years ago. These rules have helped some of his patients and friends grow old with a "reasonable decrree of complacency," he said. They are:

1. Recognize that the mind be at its best when a person is about 40 years old and should continue to be efficient to the age of 70 or more. The mind which is properly trained does not lose its elasticity, and constant use of the brain helps to keep it efficient.

2. Avoid becoming an "old fogy" by frequent association with young people. Prepare for occasional shocks, but try to understand youth's viewpoint.

3. Learn to delegate authority.

4. Cultivate wide interests. Learn new uses for hands and brain.

5. Keep in touch with old friends and make new ones.

6. Cultivate equanimity — the mental poise that keps one from being unduly elated or depressed. Keep a proper balance between emotion and reason.

7. Cultivate the habit of looking forward rather than backward.

Firefly Might Solve Mysteries

WASHINGTON—The little lamp of the firefly may light up some of the mysteries of life.

Life is possible because plants can change sunlight into chemical energy. Fireflies turn this energy back into light—and do a much more efficient job than any electric company.

A light bulb wastes most of its energy as heat. A firefly operates its lamp without heat, at better than 95-per-cent efficiency.

Jealous electric companies report that it would take more than 137,000 lightning bugs to equal a 60-watt bulb. But the companies admit that they might learn something from these light-bearing beetles.

The firefly may also prove a boon to medicine. Already, says the National Geographic Society, chemicals extracted from lightning bugs can be used to measure a compound known as adenosine triphosphate or ATP, which is present in every living thing.

ATP is a storehouse for energy

Traveling Student May Have Set Record

DAVIS, Calif.—The student who shuttled between Yakima, Washington and Davis, California may have set a new record among classroom commuters.

John W. Griffith's 1,700-mile-a-week jaunt in search of knowledge will be hard to beat.

Griffith, an agriculture instructor at Yakima Valley Junior College, enrolled for post-graduate study in the summer session of the University of California's Davis campus.

Back home in Yakima, carpenters were constructing a new agriculture building at the junior college and Griffith wanted to oversee the work on the classrooms he would be using in the fall.

He got the commuting idea when he found that his classes at Davis were scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week.

On Wednesday evenings, he took an overnight train from Davis to Portland (700 miles), then drove from Portland to Yakima (150 miles) in his own car. For the next three days, he was "on the job" as a construction supervisor. At noon on Sunday, it was goodby to Mrs. Griffith, car to Portland, overnight train to Davis, and he was a student again. It was as simple as that.

Powerful Atom

LONDON — The power of the atom cannot be underestimated.

A 10-year-old was brought into court by a constable who said he found the boy staggering about. The lad admitted drinking half a bottle of gin, adding, "I had been at work for a month, and when I thought that all my tax and insurance was being used to make atom bombs and hydrogen bombs, it made me feel unhappy."

Chicken Court

OTTERNDORF, Germany—Court officials here recently held a pre-trial hearing in a chicken coop at dawn.

The court wanted to find out if roosters crowing in the morning could harm the health of sleepless neighbors who had complained.

DINNER MEETING

Dr. William O. Beasley, Director of Eagle Eyre Baptist Assembly, was the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Appomattox County Junior Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Dec. 16.

The affair was held at 7:00 P. M. in the cafeteria of the Appomattox Elementary School.

Fred H. Lawson was chairman of the social committee, and reported over 50 tickets sold for the event.

SHOPPING TOUR

Using the profit received from a recent country music contest, which amounted to $266.45, the Appomattox County Junior Chamber of Commerce, will conduct a "Christmas Shopping Tour" for underprivelieged children.

One student will be selected from each of the 35 elementary grades in Appomattox County. The children will assemble in the cafeteria of Appomattox Garment Co. Friday night, Dec. 20, at 6:30. Each will be given the same amount of money with which to buy presents for someone else, and will be escorted on a shopping tour by members of the Jaycees and the Jayceets. Then they will return to the Garment Co. cafteria, where their presents will be wrapped, and refreshments served.

USAF sets up agency to aid new research programs on antimissile weapons.

Shop in Appomattox this Friday night!

Finnish Anniversary

Helsinki, Finland.- Military parade marks 39th World War II anniversary mark the fortieth anniversary of Finland's independence.

U. N. aide to probe Hungary.

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Father Barkleaf

by c. h. r.

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...the extra five cents: We ...that recently in a restau-...they charged five cents ...pure cream in your coffee ...say it was worth it.

...R GOOD TIME ...T TIMBER

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1958 Appomattox Budget Set At 46,552

Parents Invite Students To Holiday Dance

Notice to all Appomattox High School Students:

On Friday night, December 27th, a semi-formal dance will be given in the high school gym for all 8-12th grade students Hours will be from 9 to 12. This dance is being sponsored by the parents.

No invitations are being sent but all students of these grades are invited to attend and bring the girl or boy of your choice.

The girls are requested not to wear high heels, and the boys are asked not to wear heel taps. This being the first dance given in the gym, we want to make sure that the proper care is taken of the floor, so that in the future the gym can be used again for your entertainment.

Music will be rendered by "The Southerners." A light snack and soft drinks will be served. There will be no charge to anyone for anything.

Remember: no one will receive an invitation and we are expecting a large attendance, and we feel sure that everyone will have a nice time and enjoy your Holiday Dance.

Merry Christmas!

Your Parents.

Womans Club Book Review

The Fine Arts Department of the Woman's Club of Appomattox is sponsoring a Christmas Book Review Tea on Friday, December 27, from 3:00 to 5:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. H. Y. Spencer.

Miss Harriett Holley will review the Autobiography of Barnard Baruch.

In addition to Mrs. Spencer, the hostesses will be Mrs. S. S. Shouse, Mrs. J. A. Burke, Mrs. John Grinels and Mrs. Charles Thomas.

Fertilizer Constituents in Poultry Manure Equal To Those in Mineral Fertilizer

Plant nutrients from commercial poultry manure when supplemented with additional phosphate and potash are equal to those contained in commercial fertilizer, it was indicated in a test conducted near Staunton by the VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

Crops grown in the test were corn, wheat, and red clover in a rotation on silt loam soils.

Yields showed that the supplemented manure had the same nutrients as commercial fertilizer.

Poultry manure not supplemented resulted in lower crop yields than when the additional phosphate and potash were applied.

Tobacco Cough A Hazard

Lake Placid, N. Y.- A "tobacco cough" is a definite hazard for persons who are to be operated on, four anesthesiologists reported to a meeting of the New York State section of the Internationa lCollege of Surgeons here. Patients undergoing "elective" surgery, where they can choose the day of the operation, should refrain from smoking for a week before entering the hospital. This will eliminate some of the dangers, the doctors reported.

Wife Collects Loot

Denver.- A cleaning company employee found the $100 bills in the pocket of a man's soft left by a customer. He telephoned the man's house and got the wife. She seemed amazed, but lost no time in rushing down to the cleaner's and collecting the $500.

Arizona May Get Telescope

Delaware, Ohio.- Ohio Wesleyan University has announced negotiations are underway to transfer the 69-inch Perkins Observatory telescope to Flagstaff, Ariz. The huge instrument is the sixth largest reflecting (mirror type) telescope in the United States and the eighth largest in the world.

Leaf Markets Report Sales Over Midway

With estimates being made that at least half of the dark-fired tobacco crop has been marketed, the warehouses are now closed down until after the holidays. Some say that 55% ofthe crop has already been sold.

At Farmville, as the warehouses closed for the Christmas holidays, the price average thus far for the marketing season was $38.27. This was a bit under the average at the same time last year, but poundage sold was up.

All markets are closed until after the first of the year. Average prices by grades have held stendy, with slight gains noted in prices for heavy leaf.

FARM BUILDING PLANS AVAILABLE THROUGH COUNTY AGENTS

More than 300 plans for farm buildings, designed for functional and efficient use, are available to Virginia farmers through their county agricultural agents.

G. D. Kite, agricultural engineer at VPI, says the plans are for typical farm service buildings which are recommended for the many different farm situations throughout Virginia. The plans, developed over many years on the basis of research and field experience, are distributed only as requested through county agents.

Kite says that most farmers build not more than one building of any one kind during their lifetime. Therefore reliable information is necessary to help plan and construct the most suitable building for any one specific purpose. In selecting plans, the entire farm operation and the probable use of other buildings must be carefully considered. Any building that does not permit the best use of labor and equipment or that does not do the job for which it is needed, should be remodeled.

A visit to another farm where a building similar to that planned is in use would be time well spent, Kite says. Many times it might be desirable to take the carpenter or the contractor to see the building on another farm if he has never built any like the one you want.

Ask your county agent to let you see the farm building plans he has available in his office. Select the one you like, and the agent will order it for you.

Many Closed Today

In sharp contrast with the crowds of holiday shoppers in downtown Appomattox for the pre-Christmas rush, the business section was lonesome looking today. The banks, the post office, the drug store, the Times-Virginian were among the places open for business, but most stores were taking December 26 as another holiday. Most stores will begin inventory-taking next week.

Merchants were generally agreed that Christmas business was excellent this year. The inovation of being open on Friday nights during the period Thanksgiving to Christmas met with over-all success here.

Dye Aid Against Cancer

London.- Methylene blue, a widely used dye for staining bacteria to make them show up well under the microscope, can cure fast-growing cancers in small animals, R. T. Russell, a veterinarian from New South Wales, has reported in the British scientific journal Nature.

Women's Poker Raided

Cleveland,- Police recently raided an all woman poker game and took in for questioning ten women they found around a table in a smoke-filled basement room. Police Chief Edward Gaffnet said the raid followed an anonymous telephone call "possibly from a husband whose wife insisting on filling an inside straight."

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

BANK DIVIDENDS

The two banks here have declared regular semi-annual dividends of 3%, and each has added a special dividend.

PLANTS BACK AT WORK

Local industrial payrolls were on the job today, after a two-day Christmas holiday. The plants took Tuesday and Wednesday for Christmas, resuming production this morning.

Fire Call Sunday Morning

The Appomattox County fire truck was called out Sunday morning in answer to an alarm from the residence of Dick Smith, Oakville. A chimney fire was extinguished.

AFRAID OF DARK

Chicago.- If you retain a childish fear of the dark it may save your life, the National Safety Council said this week — providing you're fearful enough to be extra careful when driving at dusk or in darkness.

The Council, in its annual holiday safety campaign, says that about 75 per cent of the fatal holiday accidents occur during the dark hours of 5 P. M. and 7 A. M.

Darkness reduces vision and distorts perspective, the Council said. In addition, traffic is heavier in the early twilight when workers are going home. Bad weather, haste, and holiday drinking also present extra holiday hazards to both pedestrians and drivers.

"During the first three-quarters of this year traffic deaths dropped 3 per cent from the same period for the previous year. If drivers can maintain this rate of improvement, more than 1,000 lives can be saved on the highway this year.

To help reduce night driving accidents, the Council offers the following suggestions:

1. Slow down. Don't regulate your speed by posted limits alone. Speed must be governed by conditions. Darkness is a condition that calls for caution.

2. Be alert. Keep a constant watch for pedestrians and for vehicles with dim lights and no lights.

3. Don't stop on the traveled portion of a roadway. If you must stop, pull off the road, leaving parking and dome lights on. Carry flares for emergency use.

4. Have your car checked frequently. In darkness, immediate response of the vehicle is a must. Double check all lights.

5. Use headlights properly. Use upper beam only on rural highways when no approaching car is within 1,000 feet.

Use lower beam when oncoming cars approach, when overtaking another car, and when driving in cities and residential areas.

6. Dim your lights, even though an oncoming driver fails to dim his. Trying to get even by blinding him is raking your neck. Maintain control of your car by looking at the right shoulder of the highway.

7. Be sure your lights are on before pulling onto a lighted street at night.

Wesley Album Issued

Atlanta, Ga.- The Protestant Radio and Television Center here has turned out a record album featuring exclusively the hymns of the early-day Methodist leader, Charles Wesley, as part of the observance of the two-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Wesley's birth.

Cool Car and Hot Engine

Atlantic City.- Two engineers say their automobile air-conditioning, so comfortable when you drive in hot weather, may cause trouble in your engine and radiator. J. G. Lillard and T. G. Lipscomb, engineers for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, in Baytown, Texas, made the remarks in a report to the Society of Automotive Engineers. They said automobile air conditioning could cause trouble with vapor locking and stalling and call for increased maintenance of car fuel systems.

Easy Vacations are easy to plan: The boss tells you when and the wife tells you where. —Houghton Line.

A. H. S. Tops Division In Basketball

The A. H. S. Blue Hornet basketball team is marking time over the holidays pending its Jan. 3. home game with Nelson County H. S., but the local team is sporting a 4-0 record in league play this season, and has an excellent chance of walking away with top honors in the northern division of Group 2, district IV play.

Appomattox, Amherst, Brookville, Nelson County, Rustburg, and New London are in the northern division of the league. Only A. H. S. has perfect record up to the holidays. Amherst is in second place.

In the southern division of the league, Dan River has played one and won one, but Altavista has an impressive 4 to 1 record. The other teams in the southern division are: William Campbell, Gretna, Whitmell and Brosville.

A. H. S. downed New London last Friday night, 73 to 46. Carl Carter had 23 points, followed by Cecil Doss and Ray Massie, with 15 and 16 points.

All schools in the league are taking the Christmas holidays, and will return to action next week.

BUILDING TO START ON BOYS' HOME

Building is expected to begin next year on Patrick Henry Boys' Home Plantation, the president of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation has announced.

James S. Easley, of South Boston, the president, reporting on the project to provide a home for boys at the property of the shrine to Patrick Henry, also disclosed receipt of a donation of $1,000 to the foundation's Elvira Henry Miller endowment fund.

The annual meeting of the foundation for 1958 will take place on May 29.

State Toll Only One

In the critical 30-hour holiday period from 6:00 P. M. Tuesday to midnight Christmas, only one traffic death has been reported in Virginia, a record better than safety officials had anticipated. However, the national report for the same period was approximately 200, a bit higher than had been expected.

MAIL VOLUME LIGHT

The volume of mail being handled at the local post office, after the smooth completion of the peak mailings during the pre-holiday season. Volume is expected to remain light until the first of the month.

The postal employees handled the Christmas mail volume with dispatch, and perhaps rates a bit of rest from the heavy traffic.

FIRE IN NORFOLK

A three-alarm fire on Christmas Eve night in Norfolk, Va. caused an estimated $300,000 to $500,000 loss. Three firemen were slightly injured during a three-hour battle with the flames and a deputy fire chief suffered a heart attack.

Hi-Fi Hearing Tests

Los Angeles.- An ear specialist says a lot of people who buy expensive hi-fi sets can't hear what they are paying for. Most sets produce sounds well beyond the hearing limit of all but the sharpest human ear, says Dr. Aram Glorig, a professor at the University of Southern California's School of Medicine.

Admits Fire

Fairbanks, Alaska.- Investigators said a 14-year-old boy admitted he started the million-dollar fire which destroyed most of the Lathrop building in Fairbanks November 23 and killed Dr. Druska Schaible, professor of biological science at the University of Alaska.

According to a Town budget published today, and adopted at the December meeting of Council, it is anticipated that it will cost $46,552 to run the Town of Appomattox in 1958. The budget is balanced at this figure.

Set up funds, the budget calls for receipts and expenditures of $6,337.70 in the General Fund. A new item for 1958 in this fund is $200 for installation of parking meters. This fund includes general operating expenditures.

The budget for the Police Department is set up to total $3,579.80.

The Fire Department is scheduled to operate on $874.00.

A total of $9,110.50 is budgeted for the Street Department, with street lights and street maintenance the top items.

The Town Water Fund has a budget total of $17,000.00. Receipts from the sale of water are expected to amount to $15,000.00.

The Sewer Fund has a total of $9,650 in its budget.

Vepco Income On Increase

Net income of Virginia Electric and Power Company rose from 19 per cent in November, compared with Nov. 1956, while operating revenues for the same months rose 10.4 per cent, Erwin H. Will, president, said this week.

Twelve months' revenue through November amounted to $128,585,000, up 9.75 per cent from $117,160,000, for the twelve months ended November 1956, he reported. Net income for the twelve months was $24,200,000, an increase from $20,900,000 over the previous twelve months.

Per share earnings on common stock for the twelve months amounted to $1.51, an increase of $.13 over last year.

The Vepco president said that there has been a steady growth in the number of customers served as well as in the use of electricity. More than 20,000 new electric customers and 2,600 gas customers have been added during the past twelve months, bringing the total number of customers to almost 800,000.

In the eleven months of 1957, Vepco spent $54,200,000 on construction of new plant to keep pace with growing consumer demand, Will said. Total 1957 construction spending is estimated at $70,000,000.

Sale of $20,000,000 in bonds early this month was the second step in financing this construction program. Issuing of a million shares in common stock in June was the initial step in this program, Will said.

REMOVE SOURCE OF DECAY WHEN REPAIRING BUILDINGS

When repairing a wooden building damaged by decay, first determine the source of moisture that caused the decay and, if possible, remove it.

This advice comes from agricultural engineers at VPI, who explain that to decay, wood must contain moisture. Decay is actually caused by fungi which grow and carry on their destructive life processes only when enough moisture is present.

If the moisture cannot be fully prevented, replace the decayed parts with a naturally durable type of wood that has been treated with a preservative. Brushing, spraying or soaking wood with a preservative is worthwhile if the wood will be subjected to only occasional wetting.

In replacing damaged wood, it is advisable to remove the material for a distance of at least two feet beyond any evidence of decay, because wood usually is infected beyond the point where rot is apparent. If the source of moisture can be definitely eliminated, however, it is then necessary to cut out only such wood as has been made unserviceable.

To prevent decay in new wood, build with dry lumber and use building designs that will keep the wood dry.

Special Christmas Service

A special Christmas Eve service of Evening Prayer at the St. Ann's Episcopal Church at 11:00 P. M. on Tuesday was largely attended.

Appomattox is a growing town.